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Gloriana flies the Royal Standard on the bow indicating that the Queen is on board. Photo © Sue Milton.

The Life of a Royal Waterman with Gary Annis

Saturday 4th February 2017. 18.30 for dinner at 19.00

Careless oarsmen carousing up the Thames were first brought into line when parliament established the Company of Watermen and Lightermen in 1555. Since then, generations of London families have undertaken a five-year apprenticeship, specific to the Thames, to become a waterman. Apprentices finish with a gruelling rowing competition on the river, the Doggett's Coat and Badge. Royal Watermen are recognized by their distinctive red uniform and play a role in royal ceremonies as well as vital seamanship that keeps the River Thames working. Our guest speaker Gary spent his career on the Thames and will give us some insights to the life of a Waterman.

Our meetings are held at the Blackwater Sailing Club, Basin Road, Heybridge, CM9 4SD.



The club is on the main road into Heybridge Basin. The entrance is about 200 yards on the left after turning into Basin Rd from the B1026. (Careful! it is easy to drive past this turning) See www.multimap.com

The format for the evening will be dinner served about 19.00, followed by the lecture. If you are coming only for the talk it will start about 20.00. The Club bar will be open from 18.30.

Dinner and Talk £13.00 (CA and BSC members). £15.00 (guests)

Talk only £3.00 (CA and BSC members). £5.00 (guests)

February's Dinner is a choice of

Mains:

Catalan beef casserole

Spiced blackened salmon

Stuffed chicken thighs with lemon sauce

Nut roast(v)

served with Seasonal vegetables

Dessert:

Apple frangipani tart

Toffee Pudding

Tea & Coffee

We look forward to seeing many of you there, and guests are very welcome too.

Best wishes

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Last booking date Tues 31st January 2017